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USING THE MARVELS OF RADIO

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GOT HIM ON CW TOO
TIME TO PARTY

FROM THE PREZ

It was nice to see some of you at Hamcon last month, although it would have been nicer to see more of you in attendance. Which brings me to the subject of our table at the convention.



Several months ago, a Club member raised the question at one of our meetings of whether we'd be having a table at Hamcon. This hadn't been done for several years, and the consensus was that we should be more of a presence. I arranged for the table and asked for volunteers to staff it. No one came forward over the next two or three months that we talked it up at our monthly meetings, and so I canceled the table due to apparent lack of interest. After I did this, Mel, K6SY, volunteered to get involved, and so he and I moved ahead on the project (I was able to get the table back) and, once again, I asked for volunteers. Four Club members (only four!) volunteered, and when the time came, only two of them actually did the job in addition to Mel and me.

In spite of sparse staffing, the table was a success, thanks to Mel's great contributions to the setup and to the folks who did provide staffing. To Mel (especially) and to Don, NK6A and Jim, WB6OFE who provided much of the needed coverage, I say a big "Thanks!!!."

As for the convention, it was fun. Oh, not a DX convention but fun, nevertheless. A fair number of DX newbies and wannabees stopped at the table and asked lots of questions, and we might even have stimulated a few folks to join. We also might have gotten some DX neophytes interested in attending the IDXC. All in all, it was pretty satisfying and we may have done the Club some good in the process.

I hope everyone had fun at the Anchors Aweigh (Away) meeting last month. My thanks to Jim, N6DHz for doing a great job as auctioneer, and also to Sharon, K6IRD, my right hand woman for her support during the evening. The only remaining question is how much of all that junk –er – valuable merchandise will come back for next year's event!

One item did not sell, and that was the Kenwood TS-530SP which I acquired from the estate of a recent SK in Palos Verdes. If anyone is interested in acquiring it, please contact me. I will be donating whatever the sale price is to the John Alexander (K6SVL-SK) Fund of the PVARC. This fund is used to assist youth in getting started in amateur radio. Its inception, following John's death, was largely inspired by the interest he had taken in helping my daughter Laura, WA6DAL, to become a truly skilled contest operator when she was only 12 years old.

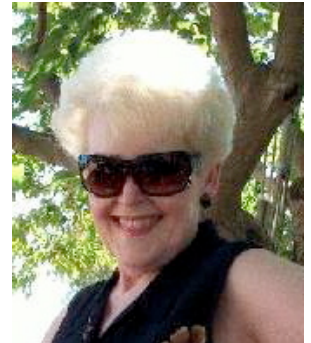
For anyone who hasn't heard the news, my Alpha 9500 is up and running after a bad start due to the tube being damaged during shipping. Alpha actually sent one of the two designers of the amp to my home with the new tube, and he spent about two hours in the shack getting the unit up to spec. So far, it's working beautifully. My first contact was made on a single call to 3B7C long path on 20 CW. Not bad, eth? Let's just hope the amp proves reliable going forward.

Remember to sign up early for the holiday brunch at the Orange Hill Restaurant. As always, it'll be a grand event. We're still working on the main (grand) raffle prize, so stay tuned for the announcement.

Who worked St. Brandon? How many times? We'll find out at the next meeting, so plan to be there to exercise your bragging rights! 73, JW, K6JW es gud DX,

AND FROM THE VEEP

I hate to say it, guys, but most of you missed a great “Bash”. Gayle, K6GO, , who hosted this year’s bash has a beautiful QTH in Poway. There was nothing missed in the food offering, and the drink of your choice was all well stocked. For me, that was wine. An added treat for this occasion was fresh caught tuna barbequed to perfection. Gayle’s husband takes his boat out frequently to fish, and graciously supplied his catch-of-the-day. A lot of great Dxers were there, which kept the conversations ever so interesting. I’ll say it again, you missed a good one.



This month’s meeting was our annual auction night. We had some usual boat-anchors, but we also had some really fine radios and “stuff”. I bought a two-meter handheld, which I can now feel “important” when I walk around events. I also bought a 1985 DX Convention mug that Wayne donated. I think there was a lack of communication when he put together things for the auction. This error cost him \$8.00. I don’t think he will make that mistake next year.

I hope all of you have been successful in nabbing the 3B7C. Wayne and I got them on 20 meters, but that’s it. Needless to say, I would love to have them on multiple bands, but at least I got them.

October’s program will be Chip Margelli and possibly Bob Heil. With Chip you never know who may show up with him. But, you can be sure that his presentation will be good. Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and hear all about your St. Brandon contacts. Sharon Spring, K6IRD



A LITTLE IOTA NEWS.

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

AND THE EDITOR JUST RAMBLES ON

No I don't like cats so much, but I get more pictures of them in more playful moods. If you have a dog or horse or whatever you would like to immortalize then send it to me. Fully dressed not required.

Boy, I hope you worked all that great DX ,and of course worked Bob and Arnie.

Some good things . California QSO Party, if you like to contest. Some really good DX if you can hear them. K6O/CIA celebrating 60 years of CIA. Watch out for the card...it might be COVERT.

And congratulations to MFJ for surviving 35 years of a tough business.



SOME DX

On behalf of Giorgio Minguzzi, IZ4AKS and the 1A4A / 1A3A contest group, I am writing to provide you an update on this operation.

I have the privilege of being one of an international team that will be active from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta during the week of the CQWW SSB Contest. The call sign 1A3A will be used exclusively during the contest. This is the first major HF contest activity from this wanted entity. All other activity during the week will use the call 1A4A. Please visit the 1A4A web site for additional news and updates.

<http://www.1a4a.org/dblog/http://www.1a4a.org/dblog/>
<<http://www.1a4a.org/dblog/http://www.1a4a.org/dblog/>>

The call sign 1A3A is a new prefix using for the first time the number "3" from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. All activity prior and after the contest will use the call sign 1A4A.

Any questions can be directed to: Giorgio Minguzzi, IZ4AKS giorgio.minguzzi@iz4aks.net
<<mailto:giorgio.minguzzi@iz4aks.net>>

Donations should be mailed to: Thomas Palmisano, W9AEB
330 Lakeland Drive
Palos Park, IL 60464

OPEN LETTER

To: "SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB"
California QSO Party for 2007 is Oct 6-7.

This is a great contest to introduce Hams with new HF privledges to the thrill of contesting. Call CQ and the world will respond to you (well mostly the USA and Canada). All entrants with 100 or more QSOs receive a free certificate of acheivement and are eligible to purchase a T-shirt (\$12).

This will be the 42nd running. Full details can be found at <http://www.cqp.org/> or go to <http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>
73, -KR- K6TD CU in the California QSO Party, Oct 6-7, 2007 www.cqp.org



WHAT A CONTEST

SOME TRIVIA

Conversation: HAMCON video posted on You Tube

You can get to it by entering HAMCON on You Tube or the link below:

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hamcon

**Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.
The ceremony
wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE !!!
ELECT YOUR BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB.**

SW Director

Vice Director

VOTE

VOTE

VOTE



Honorary Member
Frank Langner DJ9ZB
is an avid collector of Visalia past.

Courtesy of Don N6IC

NOW THE REST OF THE STORY

Our friend and big gun ham Don Bostrom N6IC and his wife Sandra made a trip to Europe this year. Some of you may have received his traveling dialog. Typical vacation shots are not what you might find in a DX publication, but the write ups were so good and the pictures told a story, I had to pass this along. This may be redundant but for some this is brand new to many of you.

MY INTERPRETATION

Sitting in a bar with Sandra in Frankfurt waiting for the plane watching smoke rise from every table. On the way, Sandra said Lufthansa is good but not great. At least the hot towels and Twix bars were good. And if you go to Bucharest, bring lots of batteries as a pack of 3 AA run about \$15.00. Don complained about the time change and lack of sleep. Oh well ONE DAY///ONE NITE

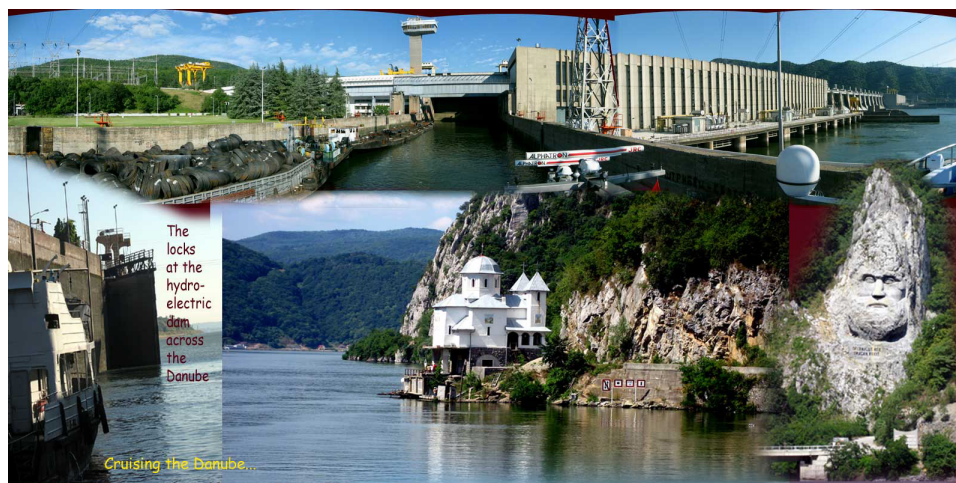


Still in Bucharest we visited Count Dracula's Castle. WOW, I saw that when I was a little kid. (local movie house) They said the food was very good and the atmosphere was great. (don't ask) The after drink was good too. Called Elixer Dracula, looked like blood but Don said it was grapefruit juice. ya, ya, ya.

Beautiful city, now for the boat ride down the Blue Danube, OK so it was grey brown. The group Don and Sandra are with counts to 134 but those leaving the boat and arriving sit for lunch. 268 folks and instantly get served soup, salad, lunch and dessert, even wine and drinks. That could never happen in L A. bye Romania



Still on the river we are off to Serbia. The trip thru the Danube Locks has to be very impressive. 12 turbines at the dam generate 10 to 12 billion kilowatts of power. Shared by two countries. Serbia, still recovering from war. Warm and hot. Had to buy another suitcase for souvenirs.



More to come ...LATER?

It is Coming Soon!

October 19-21, 2007, San Ramon Marriott Hotel
San Ramon, California

For Events, Latest Updates and Ticket Sales go to:

[www.PACIFICON.org](http://www.pacificon.org)

<<http://www.pacificon.org/>>

Call the Marriott Hotel Reservations Desk at 1-800-228-9290
Before October 4, 2007, to ask for the special Pacificon rate of \$84/night.

A LITTLE MORE TRIVIA

OFF TOPIC - GOOGLE "STREET VIEW" PHOTOS EXPANDED

Google "Street View" photos are fascinating. They consist of panoramic (360 degree) photos taken from street level. L.A. photos already exist and San Diego was just added.

The photos are fascinating because the user may move freely up and down a given street and pan and zoom for detailed viewing.

Caution - not all streets are included in the database, just those outlined in blue.

Once at the Website (first URL), click on the "Street View" button atop the map to go into the Street View mode. An introductory story from SignOnSanDiego is at the second URL.

<http://maps.google.com/>

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20070809-9999-1n9google.html>

FOR SALE

1) Cushcraft A3WS 3 element WARC antenna with 30M extension kit. Antenna in good/very good condition with various element sections easily separated for transport after 9 years of service. All trap covers taped before installation and in excellent condition. No cracked trap covers. Minor clean up required. \$225 with pickup only in Los Angeles area.

2) Hy-Gain BN4000 high power balun in very good condition. Pre MFJ vintage. No hardware. \$60.

3) Hy-Gain BN-86 Balun in original packaging with all of the hardware. Pre MFJ vintage. \$40.

Contact: Elliott WA6TLA at wa6tla@earthlink.net

A LITTLE MORE DX

As part of GACW 30 anniversary, a crew will go to operate from Morse, Buenos Aires Province, from October 12 to 15.

The call signs will be LU1DZ/E LU5FZ/D LU6UO/D LU7BTO/D LW1EXU/D and LW2DX/D.

They will have two complete stations, with high power and wire/vertical antennas available in all band/modes from 160 to 10 meters, with emphasis in CW.

Morse is located in the NW region of Buenos Aires Province.
One of the nearest major cities is Junín, which is 26 KM from Morse.

73 and best regards
Raúl/LU6EF

<http://gacw.no-ip.org> <<http://gacw.no-ip.org/>>

HAM RADIO YARD SALE

At

Skip, KJ6Y

After more than 30 years in Ham radio, I need to clear out the yard.

Towers and antennas.

Lots of hardware

Cables

Radio Equipment

Rotors

Parts

Saturday November 10th, 2007
8:00AM to 3:00PM

22712 Califa St
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Directions: From Fallbrook Ave turn east onto Hatteras. Go past the corner house and turn north onto the unmarked road (looks like an alley)
Follow it around to the right to the third house on the right. Look for the towers and antennas.

Park down the street.

Everything must go. Skip, KJ6Y

KJ6Y's Home Page <<http://members.aol.com/kj6y/skip.html>>

U. S. ISSUED IRC's

Dave, W2CC, who keeps track of such things, provides the following:

"The US Postal Bulletin for September 24 has some changes with IRC redemption.

US ISSUED IRCs issued before 2002 [the old smaller style coupons] may be redeemed for 1¢ less than the **issue** price until **October 10th**.

US ISSUED IRCs with an expiration date of **12/31/06** may be redeemed for 1¢ less than the **issue** price until **September 1, 2008**

NON-US ISSUED IRCs of either the old style issued before 2002 or with a 12/31/06 expiration date **may no longer be redeemed.**"

This is all covered in US Postal Bulletin 22215 dated 9-13-07, pages

28 and 57. Contact your LOCAL post office for further information.

courtesy DX Pub.

Little More DX

9UØA - BURUNDI

Sigi, DL7DF is leading a group consisting of Manfred, DK1BT; Wolf, DL4WK; Frank, DL7UFR; Leszek, SP3DOI; himself and his XYL Sabine, DL7UFN to Burundi Sep 26 to Oct 9. They will be on all bands 160-6, and all modes (including SSTV), emphasizing the low bands and digital modes. They are well equipped with radios, amplifiers and antennas. If possible they will have an on-line log search at: <<http://www/dl7df.com>>. QSL to DL7DF direct with SAE and sufficient postage (\$2 for outside EU), or by the bureau.



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